

## Indiana Governor Wants Changes to Controversial Law



outcry does not allow discrimination against gays and lesbians. Meanwhile in Arkansas, lawmakers defied criticism and followed Indiana's lead to pass a similar law. It now goes to Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson, who has said he will sign it into law. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence defended the Indiana measure as a vehicle to protect religious liberty but said he has been meeting with lawmakers "around the clock" to address concerns that it would allow businesses to deny services to gay customers. The Indiana law prohibits any laws that "substantially burden" a person's ability to follow his or her religious beliefs. The definition of "person" includes religious institutions, businesses and associations. Although the legal language does not specifically mention gays and lesbians, critics say the law is designed to protect businesses and individuals who do not want to serve gays and lesbians, such as florists or caterers who might be hired for a same-sex wedding.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence takes a question during a news conference, Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in Indianapolis. Pence said that he wants legislation on his desk by the end of the week to clarify that the state's new religious-freedom law does not allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

(AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

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**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Indiana's governor said Tuesday that he wants legisla-

tion on his desk by the end of the week to clarify that the state's new religious-freedom law which has triggered a nationwide

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## Indiana Governor wants changes to controversial law



State Rep. Bob Ballinger, R-Hindsville, reacts after passage of a bill he presented in the House chamber at the Arkansas state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark., Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Arkansas lawmakers have given final approval to a religious-freedom bill that has drawn sharp criticism from opponents who say it opens the door to state-sanctioned discrimination against gays and lesbians.

(AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

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Businesses and organizations have voiced concern over Indiana's law, and some states have barred government-funded travel to the state.

In Washington, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Indiana officials appeared to be in "damage-control mode" following an uproar over the law.

Pence said he does not believe "for a minute" that lawmakers intended "to create a license to discriminate."

"It certainly wasn't my intent," said Pence, who signed the law last week.

But, he said, he "can appreciate that that's become the perception, not just here in Indiana but all across the country. We need to con-

front that." Democratic legislative leaders said the proposed clarifications by Pence and Republican lawmakers would not be enough. "To say anything less than a repeal is going to fix it is incorrect," House Minority Leader Scott Pelath said. Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma agreed with the governor's call for swift action. "It's important to take action as quickly as possible. We want to do it this week," he said.

Also Tuesday, the Indianapolis Star urged state lawmakers in a front-page editorial to respond to widespread criticism of the law by protecting the rights of gays and lesbians.

The Star's editorial, headlined "FIX THIS NOW," covered the newspaper's entire front page.

If enacted, the Arkansas

proposal would prohibit state and local governments from infringing on a person's religious beliefs without a "compelling" reason.

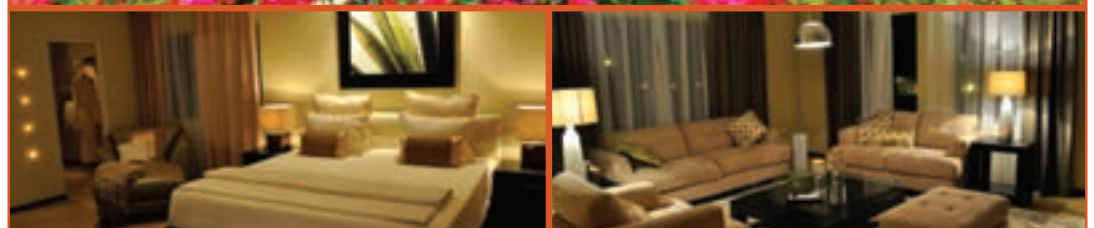
But unlike in Indiana, Arkansas lawmakers said they will

not modify their measure.

Over the past two days, hundreds of protesters filled Arkansas' Capitol to oppose the measure, holding signs that read "Discrimination is not a Christian Value" and "Discrimination is

a Disease," and chanting "Shame on You" at Ballinger after the measure was endorsed by a House committee.

Similar proposals have been introduced in more than a dozen states. □

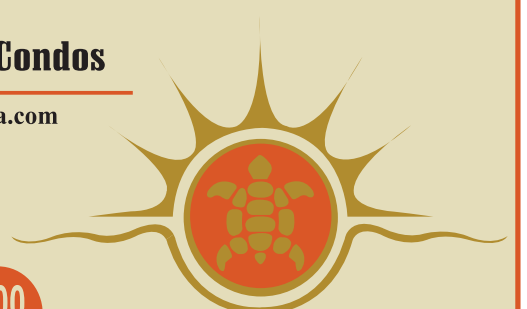


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## No nuke agreement yet: Iran talks push past deadline

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Associated Press  
WASHINGTON/LAUSANNE,  
Switzerland (AP)** — With stubborn disputes unresolved, nuclear talks between Iran and six world powers pushed past a self-imposed deadline and into overtime Wednesday as negotiators renewed marathon efforts to hammer out the outline of an agreement.

Enough progress had been made to warrant the extension past Tuesday midnight,

State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said, although there still were "several difficult issues" to bridge.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who had planned to leave the talks on Tuesday, was remaining. And an Iranian negotiator said his team could stay "as long as necessary" to clear the remaining hurdles.

The decision came after six days of efforts to reach a preliminary understanding by Tuesday midnight, drawing in foreign ministers

from all seven nations at the table — Iran, the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany. After more than a decade of diplomatic efforts to limit Tehran's nuclear advances, the present talks already had been extended twice, demonstrating the difficulties of reaching an agreement that meets the demands of both sides.

The U.S. and its negotiating partners demand curbs on Iranian nuclear activities that could be used to make weapons, and they



**U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry attends a meeting on Iran's nuclear program at the Beau Rivage Palace Hotel in Lausanne, Switzerland Tuesday, March 31, 2015.**

(AP Photo/Brendan Smialowski)

say any agreement must extend the time Tehran would need to produce a weapon from the present several months to at least a year. The Iranians deny such military intentions, but they are negotiating with the aim that a deal will end sanctions on their economy. In Washington, White House press secretary Josh Earnest suggested that talks meant to produce an outline that would allow the sides to continue negotiations until the June 30 final deadline had not bridged all gaps. He said the sides were working to produce a text with few specifics, accompanied by documents outlining areas where further talks were needed. "If we are making progress toward the finish line, then we should keep going," he said. Officials had hoped to wrap up the current talks by Tuesday night with that joint general statement agreeing to start a new phase of negotia-

tions to curb Iran's nuclear program. That statement would be accompanied by more detailed documents that would include technical information on understandings of steps required on all sides to resolve outstanding concerns. Those documents would allow the sides to claim that the new phase of talks would not simply be a continuation of negotiations that have already been twice extended since an interim agreement between Iran and the so-called P5+1 nations was concluded in November 2013.

President Barack Obama and other leaders have said they are not interested in simply a third extension. The softening of the language from a framework "agreement" to a framework "understanding" appeared due in part to opposition to a two-stage agreement from Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. □

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## House panel seeks private talk with Clinton about email



In this 2011 photo, then-U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton hands off her mobile phone after arriving to meet with Dutch Foreign Minister Uri Rosenthal at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague, Netherlands.

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**WASHINGTON** - The chairman of the House committee investigating the Benghazi attacks asked Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday to appear for a private interview about her exclusive use of a personal email account when she was secretary of state. Clinton's "email arrangement with herself is highly unusual, if not unprecedented," the committee's chairman, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., wrote in a letter to Clinton's lawyer Tuesday morning. He added that Clinton's disclosure last week that all of the emails from the personal account had been deleted "only exacerbates our need to better understand what the secretary did, when she did it, and why she did it."

The emails were housed on a server at her home in Chappaqua, New York. Gowdy had asked Clinton to turn over that server to a neutral third party, like the State Department's inspector general, to determine which emails were personal and which were govern-

ment records.

But in a letter to Gowdy on Friday, a lawyer for Clinton said there was no need to turn over the server because an examination of it showed it had no copies of emails she sent during her time in office.

In October, the State Department had asked former secretaries of state dating back to Madeleine Albright to provide it with any government records - like emails - they may have in their possession. The lawyer for Clinton, David Kendall, said that in response to that request, Clinton's representatives had determined which of her roughly 60,000 emails were personal and which private, and then a setting on the email account was changed to retain only messages sent in the previous two months. Since the report by The New York Times on March 2 that Clinton used only a personal email account and did not have a government account, she seems to have provided two answers about whether she still has copies of her emails.

At a news conference at

the United Nations a little more than a week after The Times' report, Clinton first said she "chose not to keep" her private personal emails. But she then said that the server, which contained personal communications of her husband, former President Bill Clinton, "will remain private."

Gowdy said the committee believed that "a transcribed interview would best protect Secretary Clinton's privacy, the security of the information queried, and the public's interest in ensuring this committee has all information needed to accomplish the task set before it."

But, Hillary Rodham Clinton indicated Tuesday that she wanted to give her testimony in a public setting. In a written statement, a spokesman for her said she had told the committee months ago that she

was prepared to testify at a public hearing. "It is by their choice that hasn't happened," said the spokesman, Nick Merrill.

"To be clear, she remains ready to appear at a hearing open to the American public."

The committee's ranking member, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said the panel should hold a public hearing instead of a private interview. □

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## US to pledge up to 28 percent emission cut in global treaty

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States pledged Tuesday to cut its greenhouse gas emissions up to 28 percent as its contribution to a global treaty aimed at preventing the worst effects of climate change.

The Obama administration's contribution to the treaty, which world leaders expect to finalize in December, codifies a commitment President Barack Obama first made late last year in Beijing, when he announced a joint U.S.-China climate deal that raised global hopes that developed and developing nations can come together to fight climate change.

The U.S. proposal has

drawn intense interest around the world. Most nations will miss Tuesday's informal deadline to convey their contributions to the U.N. By midday, only the U.S., the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Mexico and Russia had announced their pledges. By announcing its commitment early, the U.S. hopes to put political pressure on other countries to take equally ambitious steps to cut emissions. White House senior adviser Brian Deese said Tuesday that, along with the U.S. pledge, countries that account for more than half of total carbon pollution from the energy sector have submitted or announced what they will do to combat climate change beginning after 2020.


"That's a big deal, be-



Smoke rises from the Colstrip Steam Electric Station, a coal burning power plant in in Colstrip, Mont. The United States pledged Tuesday to cut its greenhouse gas emissions up to 28 percent as its contribution to a global treaty aimed at preventing the worst effects of climate change.

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cause truly global challenges demand global solutions," Deese said on the White House blog. "Climate change is real, it is being driven by human activity, and it is not a problem any one country can solve on its own."

In the works for years, the treaty is set to be finalized in Paris in December. If successful, it will mark the first time all nations — not just wealthier ones like the U.S. — will have agreed to do something about climate change.

As part of its proposal, known to climate negotiators as an Intended Nationally Determined Contribution, the U.S. is also asserting that its contribution is both ambitious and fair. It was unclear what metrics the U.S. would use to back up that claim. But the proposal is expected

to emphasize that the Obama administration has accelerated the rate of emissions reductions nearly twofold. Early in his presidency, Obama committed to cut U.S. emissions 17 percent by 2020; his subsequent goal for 2025 pushes it to between 26 percent and 28 percent.

How will the U.S. meet its goal? The Obama administration has avoided putting hard numbers on the size of emissions reductions it expects from specific steps it is taking. In its submission, the EU listed specific economic sectors — such as transportation, energy and manufacturing — where it expects major reductions, and named the specific greenhouse gases it plans to cut. In contrast, the U.S. is expected to point broadly to the steps Obama is taking

through executive action, such as pollution limits on power plants, stricter vehicle emissions limits, and initiatives targeting specific gases like methane and hydrofluorocarbons.

Many of those steps face major legal challenges and intense political opposition, raising the risk that they could be undermined or even discarded once Obama leaves office in 2017.

"Considering that two-thirds of the U.S. federal government hasn't even signed off on the Clean Power Plan and 13 states have already pledged to fight it, our international partners should proceed with caution before entering into a binding, unattainable deal," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican. □





## US Financial Front:

# American home prices rise up, weigh on affordability



This photo shows a home for sale in Charlotte, N.C. Standard & Poor's released their S&P/Case-Shiller index of home prices for January on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

(AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

**JOSH BOAK**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. home prices rose at a steady pace in January, pushing prices up at a faster pace than wages and putting more homes financially out of reach for would-be buyers.

The Standard & Poor's/

Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 4.6 percent in January compared with 12 months earlier, S&P said Tuesday. That is up from growth of 4.4 percent in December.

Few Americans have listed their homes for sale, and the tight supply has kept prices higher. The increases

have eclipsed earnings, making it more difficult for buyers to save for a down payment and afford a monthly mortgage. The modest wage gains have diminished the boost that robust hiring and low mortgage rates should provide the housing market during the spring buying season.

"Home prices are rising roughly twice as fast as wages, putting pressure on potential homebuyers and heightening the risk that any uptick in interest rates could be a major setback," said David Blitzler, chairman of the index committee for S&P Dow Jones Indices.

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The Jan-

uary figures are the latest available.

Housing inventories have been tight since December. The number of homes for sale in February was

equal to just 4.6 months of sales, compared to an average of 5.2 months last year. Six months of supply is typical for a healthy housing market. □

## US consumer confidence rises in March

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — An improving job market drove U.S. consumer confidence higher this month after a dip in February, a promising sign for the economy as it heads into spring.

The Conference Board's consumer confidence index rose to 101.3 in March from revised 98.8 reading in February.

Confidence has risen to the highest levels since before the Great Recession started in December 2007. A year ago, the index stood at 83.9.

"The strength of confidence, along with improving labor market conditions, indicates that real consumption growth will accelerate over the coming months," Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a research note.

The private business group takes into account expectations for the future and consumers' assessment of current conditions. Consumers were more optimistic about the future but a little less impressed with current economic conditions. Confidence rose for those

younger than 35 and 55 or older. It fell for Americans 35 to 54. The percentage of consumers who expect the economy will have more jobs in six months rose to 15.5 percent from 13.8 percent in February; 18.4 percent said they expected their income to increase over the next six months, up from 16.4 percent last month.

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## American Living: Welcoming gentiles for Seder a strong Passover tradition

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When it comes to Passover, Seder is hardly just for Jews at Lee Nelson's house. In fact, Jews are usually

In her house and many other Jewish homes, gentiles are more than welcome at Seder to munch matzo, sip the traditional four glasses of wine and open the door for the prophet Elijah.

at his Most Holy Trinity Parish so his flock could experience Passover for themselves. About 250 people, Jews and Christians, attended. The evening's music included a cantor and

He and his wife have been welcoming gentiles for Seder for 53 years.

"We would have more Christians this year but the Seders are on Easter weekend. All of the Christians are busy with their own families," said the 73-year-old rabbi of Passover's start the night of April 3.

"There was a time 70 years ago, 80 years ago, when you didn't invite Christians to your Seder. There wasn't that openness in America, but people want to know and want to learn now. It's a way to understand the Jewishness of Jesus," Zimmerman said.

Or to embrace other struggles against oppression. Gwen Ragsdale, co-founder and curator of exhibits at the Lest We Forget Black Holocaust Museum of Slavery in Philadelphia, was a college student during the black civil rights era of the 1960s. Until recently, she was unaware of the story of the Freedom Seder, held April 4, 1969, in the basement of a black church in Washington, D.C., on the third night of Passover, which fell that year on the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

About 800 people, half of them Jews and the rest black and white Christians, attended the event organized by community leaders and clergy. Three years ago, the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia revived Freedom Seder, dubbing the event Freedom Seder Revisited. Ragsdale was among the museum's 250 guests for this year's meal March 25.

"It's an evening of stories and performances punctuated by these little ritual Passover moments," said Emily August, director of public programs for the museum. "The Exodus narrative is replaced by these stories, these personal journeys."

One of the evening's storytellers was a woman who journeyed to the U.S. from India.

"She was here as an (undocumented) immigrant in her 20s as a college student, and she told this story for the first time publicly of her deportation hearing. It was incredibly powerful," August said.

Jewish Passover rituals were explained as the night progressed. Bitter herbs, horseradish, charoset and matzo were used. "There was wine but not four cups," August laughed.

Ragsdale was moved. She recalled a black woman who spoke of her realization in her corporate job that "she was hired only because she was black and filled a criteria when in fact she really wasn't qualified to give them what they were expecting of her."

Ragsdale's husband, Joe, has been collecting slave artifacts for 50 years. They have a touring exhibit they roll out regularly, including at predominantly white schools, as a way to bring slavery alive emotionally "in much the same way Jewish communities want people to understand their oppression and how their oppression is very much a part of their being, who they are and why we are the way we are." □



**In this Wed., March 25, 2015 photo, participants attend Freedom Seder Revisited at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. The event embraces gentiles for an evening of storytelling, music and a taste of traditional Passover food and rituals as it honors the original interfaith Freedom Seder held in 1969 in Washington, D.C., on the first anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. (AP Photo/Courtesy Matthew Christopher)**

outnumbered.

Her daughter brought along a Muslim she was seeing last year, and Nelson loves it when two particular non-Jewish friends round out her dozen or so guests. They're the ones who are bringing the brisket this year, and they've become expert at making charoset, symbolizing the mud the Israelites used for bricks when they were enslaved in Egypt.

Nelson, a social media manager in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania, is a non-affiliated Jew who follows some Buddhist teachings.

"It's about freedom and it's about freedom for everybody," Nelson said. "And you define that freedom however you want to define it."

In the swanky beach town of East Hampton, the Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Hanson's Roman Catholic congregation swells to about 1,700 families during the summer months, but he works regularly on interfaith projects for his year-round parishioners of Hispanics, middle-class residents and retirees. Last year, he asked Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman to organize a traditional Seder

the traditional Passover song "Dayenu."

"We got a kosher caterer and we paired it up so that the tables would be evenly Christian and Jewish," Hanson said. "I wanted my people to understand the Jewish character of it, but in understanding the Jewish character of it, they have the foundation now to better understand the Christian take on it."

Welcoming gentiles for Seder isn't new to Zimmerman, whose ranks at his Jewish Center of the Hamptons also rise with affluent weekend and summer residents.





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## Iraq premier: Troops in center of Islamic State-held Tikrit

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**Associated Press**

**TIKRIT, Iraq (AP)** — Iraqi forces battled Islamic State militants holed up in downtown Tikrit, going house to house Tuesday in search of snipers and booby traps, and the prime minister said security forces had reached the heart of the city.

In a statement on Twitter, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi announced the "liberation of Tikrit" and congratulated Iraqi security forces on their "historic milestone." But an official statement from his office said the troops "hoisted the Iraqi flag" over the Salahuddin provincial headquarters in Tikrit and are moving to control the entire city.

Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, the commander of the Salahuddin operation, said his forces fighting from the west were still 300 meters (325 yards) from the center of Tikrit.

Extremists from the Islamic State group seized Saddam Hussein's hometown



**Iraqi security forces and allied Shiite militiamen celebrate as they hold a flag of the Islamic State group they captured in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Iraqi forces battled Islamic State militants holed up in downtown Tikrit, going house to house Tuesday in search of snipers and booby traps, and the prime minister announced security forces had reached the city's center.**

(AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

last summer during its lightning advance across northern and western Iraq. The battle for Tikrit is seen as a key step toward eventually driving the militants out of Mosul, Iraq's second-larg-

est city that is farther north. Street-by-street fighting raged into the afternoon, and estimates differed widely on how much of this strategic city on the banks of the Tigris River that Iraqi

forces held. Army Lt. Gen. Talib Shaghathi said at least 75 percent of Tikrit had been recaptured. Ammar Hikmat, deputy governor of Salahuddin province, said more than 40 percent

was under Iraqi control.

"Our security forces are now pushing forward toward the presidential complex and have already entered parts of it," Hikmat said. "I think the whole city will be retaken within the coming 24 hours."

An Associated Press reporter embedded with Iraqi security forces saw soldiers surround the iconic presidential palace, and they also surrounded the provincial government headquarters. Soldiers worked to detonate bombs remotely, while federal police went house to house looking to arrest militants or identify booby traps that may slow the offensive.

Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim said at least 40 militants were killed Tuesday, and Iraqi forces dismantled 300 roadside bombs. He said the federal police, backed by allied militias, were able to clear the government compound, the Tikrit provincial council headquarters, its security headquarters and the presidential palace. □

## Yemen civilians shudder, bristle under bombing campaign

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**Associated Press**

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Yemeni civilians shuddered in fear and bristled with anger under an intense Saudi-led bombing campaign against Shiite rebels on Tuesday, day six of fighting that prompted international aid organizations to express alarm over high civilian casualties from the strikes and violence roiling the country.

Residents of the capital, Sanaa, sought shelter and got little sleep during the night, while some took to the rooftops in anger or frustration, firing automat-

ic rifles skywards toward the roar of warplanes. Schools, universities and government offices were all closed, along with most shops. Few cars ventured onto the mostly deserted streets.

"We haven't slept — one child screams and a second cries," said Mustafa al-Ahmadi, a father of eight who said the family seeks shelter in their basement when close explosions rock the house. "Once it's quiet, we return to our room but the minute we step in, a second explosion rocks the house so we return to the basement. This is how we

spend the night, running back and forth."

Late on Tuesday night, Yemeni military officials said the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, took up positions overlooking the strategic Bab-el-Mandeb strait, which serves as a gateway for oil tankers headed to Europe, raising the risk they could threaten the key global shipping route with heavy weapons.

In what was likely the worst night yet for Sanaa, aircraft late Monday and early Tuesday repeatedly bombed a weapons depot in the southern Faj Atten neighborhood, sending an

eruption of fire into the air and shaking windows for kilometers (miles) around.

Officials from all sides said strikes hit the city's so-called "security belt" of army camps surrounding the capital, some of which stored ballistic missiles. Those camps are held by the rebels or their allies, military units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh. "We ran to the shop to take shelter after 1 a.m. because of airstrikes on the mountain," said Abdel-Rahman al-Hamidi, who lives near a rebel camp that was returning fire at warplanes. Many other

shops are locked up with heavy metal chains.

The campaign by the Saudi-led coalition, made up mainly of Sunni Arab states, aims to weaken the Iranian-allied Houthis, who have overrun much of the country with the help of Saleh's loyalists and forced Yemen's current president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, to flee abroad.

The U.N. human rights office in Geneva said that in the past five days, at least 93 civilians have been killed and 364 wounded in five Yemeni cities engulfed in the violence, including, Sanaa. □



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# Buhari wins in Nigeria, defeating Goodluck Jonathan

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**ANDREW DRAKE**  
**Associated Press**

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)**— Amid anger over an Islamist insurgency that has claimed thousands of lives, Nigerians returned a 72-year-old former military dictator to power Tuesday in the most hotly contested election in the country's history. Incumbent Goodluck Jonathan conceded defeat to Muhammadu Buhari, a Cabinet minister close to the outgoing president told The Associated Press, paving the way for an unprecedented peaceful transfer of power in Africa's most populous nation. It will be the first time in Nigeria's history that an opposition party has democratically taken control of the country from the ruling

party — a sign of the West African nation's maturing young democracy. Jonathan's party has governed since decades of military dictatorship ended in 1999. Celebrations erupted all over Buhari's strongholds in northern Nigeria and around his campaign headquarters in Abuja. Cars honked and people waved brooms in the air — a symbol of Buhari's campaign promise to sweep out Nigeria's endemic corruption.

Jonathan called Buhari to congratulate him Tuesday evening, thus conceding defeat, Aviation Minister Osita Chidoka said.

Jonathan's concession came before the final announcement of election results by the Independent National Electoral Commis-



Supporters of opposition candidate Gen. Muhammadu Buhari's All Progressives Congress (APC) party celebrate what they said was the senatorial win in Kano Central district of APC candidate Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, in Kano, northern Nigeria Monday, March 30, 2015.

(AP Photo/Ben Curtis)

sion and as both he and Buhari prepared to address the nation.

Results of all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory showed Buhari, a former general who ruled with an iron hand during a brief tenure in the 1980s, dealing a crushing defeat to Jonathan. He won overwhelmingly in the final state to report results, northeastern Borno, the birthplace of the brutal Islamic insurgent group, Boko Haram, and the one that has endured the worst suffering from the Islamic uprising that has swept through villages and towns in the north, killing thousands of civilians and kidnapping many more, including hundreds of schoolgirls.

An Associated Press count of the final results showed Buhari winning more than 15.3 million votes to Jonathan's 12.9 million. Buhari won 19 states to Jonathan's 17 states and the small Federal Capital Territory. Final official results were expected to be announced late Tuesday.

Besides dominating, as expected, in his northern strongholds, Buhari crucially carried Lagos state, Nigeria's commercial hub with the largest number of voters, though fewer than one-third of eligible voters participated. He also took other critical competitive states in the country's southwest.

The victorious candidate must take more than half of all votes and at least 25 percent of votes in two-thirds of the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory at Abuja.

Spontaneous celebrations sprang up across cities in northern Nigeria, where Buhari is almost revered. Young men on motor scooters performed wheelies as hundreds of youths chanted, "Change! Change! Change!" and cars honked their horns in support. In Kano state, Buhari delivered a crushing defeat to Jonathan, winning 1.9 million votes to Jonathan's 215,800.

Outside Buhari's party headquarters in Abuja,

women chanted songs and used grass brooms to elaborately sweep the way ahead of arriving dignitaries in flamboyant robes.

"This election is not about Buhari or Jonathan, it's about Nigeria, it's about freedom, it's about change, it's about unity," Aisha Birma said.

She said Jonathan lost because he failed to provide security for Nigerians.

"What we have gone through, the Boko Haram insurgency for the past six years in Borno. ... You, Jonathan, were responsible for our lives and property. When you don't protect our lives and property, you can't talk about infrastructure, education ... Security is paramount," she said.

The austere and strict Buhari has described himself as a belated convert to democracy, promising that if elected, he would stamp out the insurgency in the north waged by Boko Haram, the homegrown Islamic extremist group that has pledged fealty to the Islamic State group. □

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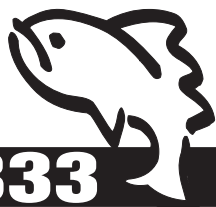


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## Lufthansa: Co-pilot disclosed earlier "severe depressions"

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Associated Press

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)** — Lufthansa knew that the co-pilot of the passenger plane that crashed in the French Alps last week had suffered from an episode of "severe depression" before he finished his flight training with the German airline.

The airline said Tuesday that it has found emails that Andreas Lubitz sent to the Lufthansa flight school in 2009 when he resumed his training in Bremen after an interruption of several months.

In them, he informed the school that he had suffered a "previous episode of severe depression," which had since subsided.

The airline said Lubitz subsequently passed all medical checks and that it has provided the documents to prosecutors. It declined to make any further comment. French authorities say voice recordings indicate Lubitz, 27, locked the other pilot out of the cockpit and deliberately crashed the Airbus A320 in the French Alps on March 24. All 150 people aboard Flight 9525 from Barcelona to Duesseldorf died.

The disclosure that Lubitz had told the airline he had suffered from depression before he was hired in September, 2013 at Lufthansa's budget arm Germanwings is another blow to the company's reputation. Lufthansa CEO Carsten Spohr had said that Lubitz passed all tests and had been pronounced fit to fly.

The revelation adds to questions about how much Lufthansa and its insurers will pay in damages for the passengers who died. It also underlines questions about how thoroughly the aviation industry and government regulators screen pilots for psychological problems.

German prosecutors say Lubitz received psychotherapy before obtaining his pilot's license and that medical records from that time referred to "suicidal tendencies." They have given no dates for his treatment, but said visits to doctors since then showed no record of any suicidal tendencies or aggression against others. They also have found torn-up sick notes from doctors, including one that would have kept Lubitz off work on the day of the crash.

The latest disclosure "really does suggest a potential problem with the airline's oversight of this aviator," says Alan E. Diehl, a former air safety investigator with the NTSB and a former scientist for human performance at the Federal Aviation Administration.

Diehl says the global shortage of pilots might be leading to lax hiring standards. Every week, there are nearly 30 new jets rolling off assembly lines. Each one requires airlines to hire and train at least 10 to 12 new pilots.

"Maybe some of these carriers, not just Germanwings, are taking people that they wouldn't normally take," Diehl says.

In the U.S., the Federal Aviation Administration in 2010 starting allowing some pilots who are taking medication for mild to moderate depression to continue flying on a case-by-case basis. □

## Former allies question Putin's course

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**MOSCOW (AP)** — As Russian President Vladimir Putin marks 15 years since he was first elected, his former long-term allies are questioning his political course and warning of the economic consequences of his aggressive foreign policy.

Putin's approval ratings peaked last year as the Kremlin annexed Ukraine's Crimean peninsula and have stayed at record high levels as many Russians are basking in what state media present as the glory of the return of this former part of the Russian empire.

Yet in a rare show of dissent several long-time former allies of the president on Tuesday warned about the cost of the foreign policy. They were speaking at a round table to mark Putin's 15 years in power and were moderated by the president's spokesman.

The annexation of Crimea in March last year, which Putin has admitted was his personal decision, and Russia's ensuing role in the bloody conflict in eastern Ukraine caused international outrage and saw Russia slapped with economic sanctions. Alexei Kudrin, Russia's finance minister in 2000-2011 and a former deputy prime minister, argued that Putin's focus on foreign policy means that Russia won't return to economic growth levels suitable for a great power in coming years.

"We're stuck," he said, adding that growth rates of 1-2 percent, which is the best Russia can hope for in the current environment, "do not reflect Russia's ability to be competitive in the global economy."

What's more, the fallout from the Ukraine crisis, as well as direct financing



Russia's former finance minister Alexei Kudrin attends a round table to mark President Vladimir Putin's 15 years in office, some of the president's long-term allies questioned his political course and warned of economic fallout in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

to Crimea will cost Russia \$150-\$200 billion in the next three to four years, according to Kudrin. That's roughly half of Russia's foreign currency reserves.

Kudrin warned that the nationalist sentiment, unleashed with Crimea's annexation is spooking stability-seeking businesses because it shows that "priority

is given to political goals" and the Kremlin is ready to "pay an economic price." Russia's economy is expected to contract by 3-6 percent this year in its steepest decline since Putin took office. His third presidential term expires in 2018, but Putin hasn't yet confirmed if he's going to run for a fourth term. □

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## Eurozone deflation eases, unemployment at near 3-year low

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**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — The 19-country eurozone isn't going to be the driving force of the global economy anytime soon, but it's increasingly evident that its numbers are heading the right way.

Official figures Tuesday raised hopes that the current bout of deflation across the region could be over much sooner than anticipated while unemployment has fallen to a near three-year low — the latest in a string of indicators to suggest that the eurozone recovery has pushed up a gear in the wake of lower oil prices and a falling euro. Eurostat said consumer prices across the single-currency zone fell by only 0.1 percent in the year to March following a 0.3 percent fall the previous month.

The modest decline was in line with market expectations and follows an apparent easing in the downward pressure emanating from energy costs. In recent weeks, there have been



**A dustman sweeps as he works in front a work wear shop in Rome, Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Official figures Tuesday raised hopes that the current bout of deflation across the region could be over much sooner than anticipated while unemployment has fallen to a near three-year low — the latest in a string of indicators to suggest that the eurozone recovery has pushed up a gear in the wake of lower oil prices and a falling euro.**

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

growing signs that the slide in oil prices, which took root last summer, has come to an end.

Eurozone inflation rates have been negative since last December, a headache that prompted the European Central Bank earlier this year to launch a 1.1 trillion-euro (\$1.2 trillion) government bond-buying program on the lines of that pursued by the U.S. Federal Reserve for many years.

The hope behind the stimulus, which is set to last til September next year, is to shore up the economic recovery and get inflation back into the system — the ECB looks to achieve inflation of just below 2 percent. Negative inflation rates since December stoked fears that the eurozone would suffer a debilitating bout of deflation, where sustained falls in prices weigh on economic activity, as in Japan in the recent past. Falling prices over a long period of time can prompt consumers to delay spending in hopes of bargains down the line and make businesses reluctant

to invest and innovate. Sometimes, falling prices can be a boon.

The recent run of upbeat economic data coming from many parts of the eurozone has been largely credited to the impact of lower fuel costs — the 20 euros saved filling up a car can be spent elsewhere. Lower oil prices aren't the only reason why there is increasing optimism around the eurozone's economic outlook.

The recent sharp fall in the value of the euro to near decade lows against the dollar has also been credited for the improving underlying picture — a lower currency can boost growth by making exports cheaper and can raise inflation by making imports more expensive.

On Tuesday, the euro was down another 0.9 percent at \$1.0722 as traders price in the prospect of higher U.S. borrowing rates soon. Though the impact of the euro's fall and the ECB's stimulus should help to prop up inflation over coming months, few economists think it will be any pick-up will be substantial partly because of rigid labor markets in many parts of the eurozone. After all, Eurostat said the core rate, which excludes volatile items such as energy, food and tobacco, slipped to 0.6 percent in the year to March from 0.7 percent the previous month.

"All this shouldn't detract from today's 'good news' that we are now on the cusp of pulling out of a negative spiral, but it should lead to no illusions either over the persistent dangers that surround a protracted low-inflation environment," said Timo del Carpio, European economist at RBC Capital.

## Argentina transportation strike shuts down country

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**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Transportation unions brought Argentina to a standstill on Tuesday with a one-day national strike to protest income tax rates and high inflation they say is eroding their earnings.

Flights were cancelled, schools shut down, banks closed and thousands of businesses were shuttered along largely empty streets. While transportation workers represent only a small part of the South American country's workforce, shut-

ting down trains and buses created a domino effect because many Argentines have no other way to get to work or school.

Most domestic and international flights were canceled because transportation unions represent many airport workers. Some schools canceled classes and others announced half-days as teachers had trouble getting to work.

Even drivers with their own cars had a hard time getting into the capital because members of the Socialist Workers party blocked the principal

routes into Buenos Aires.

"Total impact," said Roberto Fernandez, leader of the Automotive Tramways Union, one of the main organizers, told Radio Mitre. "But for us there is no happiness here because the country loses. Unfortunately, the government refuses to be reasonable."

The unions argue that high taxes and inflation, which private economists put at around 35 percent, have eroded wage gains. They also want to raise the minimum income on which taxes are applied.

Top officials in President

Cristina Fernandez's say the tax rates are fair and affect only a small percentage of workers, those who earn more than 15,000 pesos (\$1,765) a month.

Cabinet chief Anibal Fernandez told reporters that the government believed 95 percent of people who stayed home wanted to work but had no way to get there. "#YoNoParo," or "I don't strike," was a trending hashtag on Twitter, where Argentines joked about having to stay home and defended job creation under Fernandez's government.





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on the environment," comments Sue Stephenson, vice president, Community Footprints for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company. "Earth Hour is an outstanding forum for us to exercise this commitment and help raise awareness for the importance of environmen-



Thomas, guests attended a moonlight beach BBQ and bonfire, completed with a stargazing activity with Naturalists from the Ambassadors of the Environment.

--At The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester, the pathways to the hotel and residences were lit by luminaries carved from ice.

--The Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul invited guests to view a traditional Turkish Shadow Play performance in the lobby. "We are committed to working towards a more sustainable future, by preserving natural resources and minimizing our impact

tal responsibility around the globe." Participating in Earth Hour aligns with the company's social and environmental responsibility program and its guiding principles to engage, contribute and inspire. Environmental responsibility is a key pillar of Community Footprints, implemented by each hotel's Ritz-Carlton Environmental Action Conservation Team (REACT), with a global strategy including water and energy conservation programs, recycling initiatives, sourcing environmentally preferred products, and increasing organic and locally sourced dining and spa options. For more information about the global impact of Community Footprints, please visit <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/communityfootprints>. □







## Barney's Bar & Restaurant: "Food And Fun For Everyone!"

**PALM BEACH** - Opened for just a little over 3 years, Barney's Bar & Restaurant located in Palm Beach has become one of the favorites of both locals and tourist in Aruba.

Owners Eline and Ron run the front of the house while Chef Jan makes sure all meals are served fresh and timely. Barney's is a family friendly restaurant offering a menu which is varied and excellent prices which won't break the bank.

The kitchen is open from 5pm till 11pm Monday through Saturday. The bar is open till midnight and offers karaoke on Friday nights where you will often hear Ron, Eline & Chef singing for your entertainment along with tourists and locals!

Besides offering a daily special along with 3 special soups of the week, they have several Special Nights and some are ALL YOU CAN EAT!

**Monday** it's ALL YOU CAN EAT Fajitas for \$19.50, which is a choice of chicken, beef or grouper served with all the toppings. Choose your first choice and then feel free to order more of the same meat/fish choice or choose to try something different.

**Tuesday** is Schnitzel night offering several choices of toppings such as the Jager Schnitzel which is topped with a Jager cream sauce, sautéed mushrooms, onions and bell peppers, for \$17.50.

**Wednesday** night is Grouper night with a variety of toppings of your choice such as the Italian Grouper topped with tomato, mozzarella and a green pesto for \$19.50.

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Some of my favorites on their regular menu are starting off my meal with the Firecrackers Shrimp; shrimp deep fried tossed around in a light spicy homemade sauce or the Smokey's sauce; smoked trout filet with lemon garlic

a choice of ground beef, chicken or vegetarian patty and I load up on the variety of toppings they offer to choose from.

Another favorite on the main course menu is Barney & Fred Sword Fight: a skewer with pieces of tenderloin grilled to perfection just how I like it and a skewer with grilled shrimp served with stir fried veggies and a side of my choice.

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## Chabad Aruba Announces Public Passover Seders!

--"Relive the Passover Exodus" with Rabbi Blasberg.

**NOORD, ARUBA** —Few Jewish holidays evoke the same warm sentiments as Passover. Memories of family and friends gathered as the four cups of wine are poured, the four questions asked and the Matzah served, all contribute to Passover's popularity in the Jewish community. Bringing the warmth and tradition of this festival to Aruba, Chabad Aruba is inviting all to participate in community Seders to be held on Friday night, April 3, and again on Saturday night, April 4. The Seders take partici-

pants through the wondrous liberation of our ancestors from Egyptian bondage, while sharing the relevance and beauty of the age old festival in our modern lives. Included in the Seder will be a delectable catered dinner paired with a variety of fine imported wines and hand-made round 'Shmurah' Matzah from Israel.

"Passover is not simply a celebration of the historic liberation of an ancient people," said Rabbi Blasberg, Chabad Aruba. "Passover is about our own personal liberation – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Passover inspires us to break free from the shackles restraining us from reaching new heights - in our lives, relationships and connection with G-d." Chabad's community seder is part of a global Passover campaign that began in 1954, when the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem



M. Schneerson, of blessed memory, considered the most influential rabbi in modern history, launched the Shmurah Matzah initiative in an effort to create awareness and promote observance of the holiday. This year an estimated four

million hand-baked Shmurah Matzahs will be distributed by the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. In addition, millions of Passover guides in 17 languages will educate people on the meaning and practices of the holiday.

All are welcome to join the community seder, regardless of Jewish affiliation or background. Reservations can be made online at [www.JewishAruba.com/Seder2015](http://www.JewishAruba.com/Seder2015).

Event: Seder

Where: April 3rd 7:30pm at

the Radisson Ballroom.

April 4th 7:30pm at Chabad Center.

Reservations: Online [www.JewishAruba.com/Seder2015](http://www.JewishAruba.com/Seder2015) or by phone 592-7613.

What is the holiday of Passover?

The eight-day festival of Passover is celebrated this year from sundown on Friday, April 3 until after nightfall on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Passover commemorates the exodus of the Jews from Egypt and will be celebrated with festive "Seder" dinners on April 3 and 4, 2015. Other holiday observances include restricting the consumption of leavened products such as bread and pasta, instead eating unleavened matzah. Additional information about the Passover holiday is available at [www.jewisharuba.com/Passover](http://www.jewisharuba.com/Passover).

All the best,

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## AP Newsbreak: Study projects average MLB salary tops \$4M

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Even before the first pitch of the 2015 season is thrown, an eye-popping baseball record will be set.

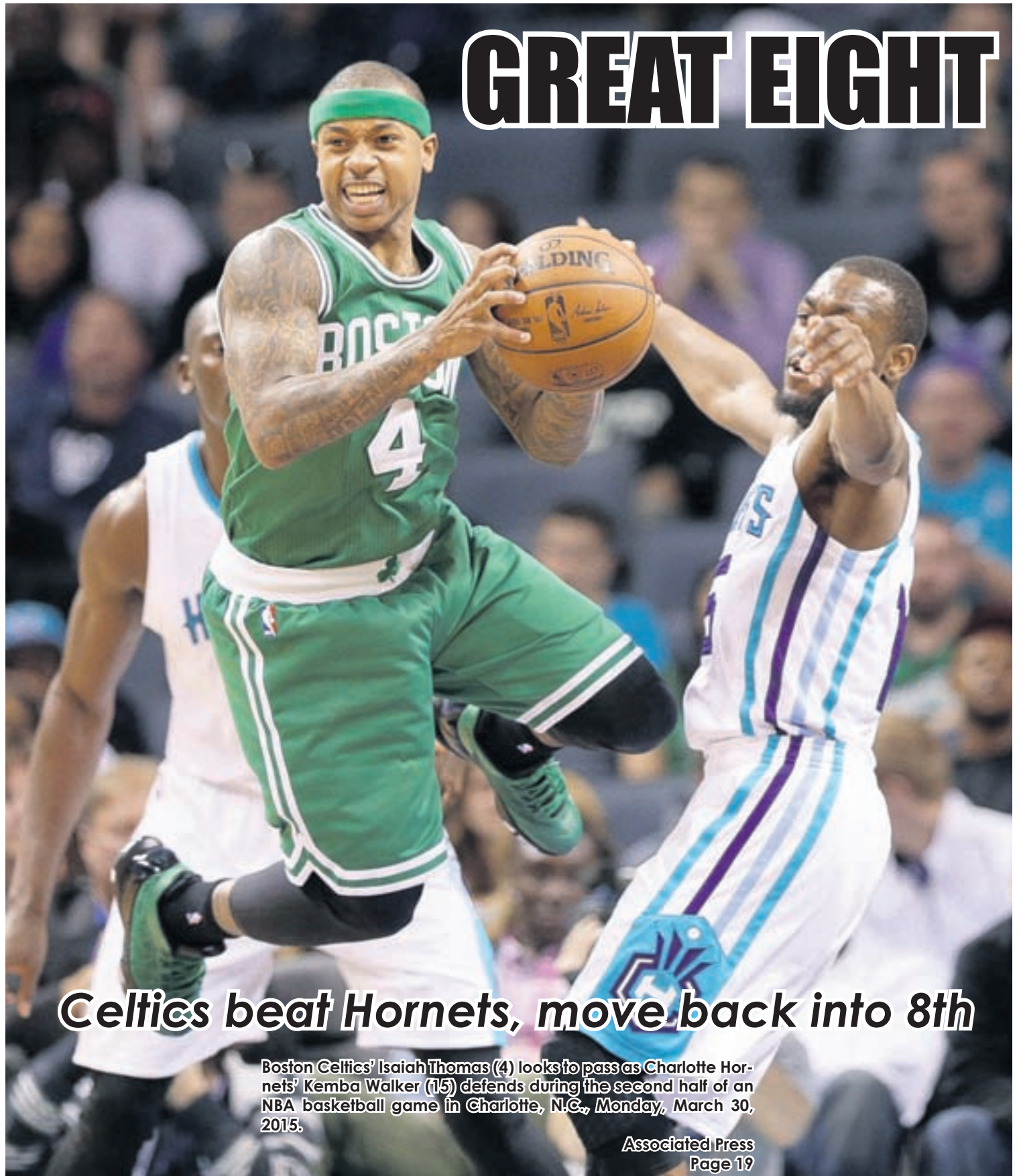
The average salary when opening-day rosters are finalized Sunday will break the \$4 million barrier for the first time, according to a study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press. Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw tops players at \$31 million and Los Angeles projects to open the season with a payroll at about \$270 million, easily a record.

"We're enjoying a tremendously bountiful season in baseball," said Toronto pitcher R.A. Dickey, the 2012 NL Cy Young Award winner with the New York Mets.

Fueled by the largest two-year growth in more than a decade, the average salary projects to be about \$4.25 million, according to the AP study, with the final figure depending on how many players are put on the disabled list before the first pitch is thrown. That is up from \$3.95 million on the first day of last season and \$3.65 million when 2013 began.

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# GREAT EIGHT



## Celtics beat Hornets, move back into 8th

Boston Celtics' Isaiah Thomas (4) looks to pass as Charlotte Hornets' Kemba Walker (15) defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, March 30, 2015.

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"MLB's revenues have grown in recent years, with the increase in national and local broadcast rights fees being a primary contributor," said Dan Halem, MLB's chief legal officer. "It is expected that player compensation will increase as club revenues increase." Baseball's average was approximately \$50,000 in 1976, the last year before free agency. Back then, many players took offseason jobs to pay their bills.

Now almost all of them do their heavy lifting in gyms, not warehouses.

In a \$9 billion industry propelled by ballpark luxury suites and premium tickets, regional sports networks and streaming video, more than half the major leaguers are millionaires.

The average broke the \$1 million mark in 1992, topped \$2 million in 2001 and reached \$3 million in 2008.

By comparison, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers has risen slightly less than fourfold since the first class of free agents started negotiations in November 1976. And the average U.S. wage in 2013, the latest figure available, was \$44,888, according to the Social Security Administration, up 1.28 percent from 2012.

"It isn't just the TV deals,"



In this March 15, 2015, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw works against the Seattle Mariners in the first inning of a spring training baseball game in Peoria, Ariz.

union head Tony Clark wrote in an email to the AP. "From the parity on the field to the fan support & business off it (including the national TV contracts), the industry has never been healthier." Last year, the Dodgers opened at \$234 million and ended the New York Yankees' 15-year streak as baseball's biggest spenders. Still seeking their first World Series title since 1988, Los Angeles is No. 1 by a huge margin. The Yankees project to be second at about \$215 million, followed by Boston at around \$185 million.

Detroit is fourth at roughly \$170 million — about \$100 million less than the Dodgers. Coming off its third World Series title in five years, San Francisco is fifth, about \$1 million behind the Tigers.

The low rollers are led by Miami (about \$65 million), with Houston a few million dollars higher. The large-market Mets are right around \$100 million, a mark they haven't reached since 2011.

"The industry is doing very well," Yankees outfielder Carlos Beltran said. "The owners are making a lot of

money and the salaries for the players are going up." Following Kershaw are Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander (\$28 million), Dodgers pitcher Zack Greinke (\$27 million) and injured Texas outfielder Josh Hamilton (\$25.4 million). Hamilton has a lengthy history of drug and alcohol abuse, and has been suspended in the past.

The AP's figures include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income for players on active rosters, disabled lists and the restricted list. For some

players, parts of deferred money are discounted to reflect current values.

Payroll numbers factor in adjustments for cash transactions in trades, signing bonuses that are the responsibility of the club agreeing to the contract, option buyouts, and termination pay for released players. San Diego is receiving \$18 million from the Dodgers to cover most of Matt Kemp's salary, and the Marlins are getting about \$12.68 million from Los Angeles as part of the seven-player trade than sent Dan Haren to Miami. □

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## NBA Capsules

# Bradley scores 30, Celtics defeat Hornets 116-104



Portland Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge, right, shoots over Phoenix Suns forward Markieff Morris, left, during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Monday, March 30, 2015.

Associated Press

**The Associated Press**  
**CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP)** — CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Avery Bradley had 30 points and eight rebounds as the Boston Celtics beat the Charlotte Hornets 116-104 on Monday night for an important Eastern Conference victory.  
 Evan Turner scored 15 points as the Celtics won for the 10th time in the last 16 games. Jae Crowder and Marcus Smart each had 14 points.  
 Boston moved back into eighth place in the conference standings, a few percentage points ahead of Brooklyn in the battle for the East's final playoff spot. Kemba Walker led a furious fourth-quarter comeback that fell short, finishing with 28 points and 12 assists. Gerald Henderson added

17 points for Charlotte, which has dropped four of its last five games.  
 Charlotte's loss clinched a second straight playoff berth for the Washington Wizards.  
**RAPTORS 99, ROCKETS 96**  
**TORONTO (AP)** — DeMar DeRozan scored a career-high 42 points and tied his career best with 11 rebounds as the Raptors earned their eighth straight home victory over the Rockets.  
 DeRozan made a go-ahead turnaround bank shot with 1:27 left, and then closed out the win with a jumper over James Harden with 18 seconds to go. He made 14 of 27 attempts from the floor and 12 of 17 at the free-throw line.  
 Jonas Valanciunas scored 15 points for Toronto, and Lou Williams had 13.

Harden scored 31 for the Rockets, who had won four in a row. Trevor Ariza had 15 points, and Corey Brewer finished with 13.  
 Houston has not won north of the border since a 114-100 victory on March 16, 2007.  
**TRAIL BLAZERS 109, SUNS 86**  
**PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)**

— Damian Lillard scored 19 points before sitting the final quarter, and Portland secured a playoff berth.  
 The Blazers have won four straight to edge closer to their first Northwest Division title since 2008-09.  
 LaMarcus Aldridge added 17 points and seven rebounds, and Portland led

by as many as 31 points. The Blazers rested their starters in the fourth quarter after building a 92-65 lead. The Suns have lost four straight, and while they are mathematically in the play-off picture, their chances are dwindling. Phoenix plays six of its last eight games on the road. □

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## NHL Capsules

# Lightning clinch NHL playoff berth with win over Canadiens

**MONTREAL (AP) — MON-TREAL (AP) —** Tampa Bay goalie Ben Bishop had two assists, Vladislav Namestnikov scored two goals, and the Lightning clinched an Eastern Conference playoff berth with a 5-3 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Monday night. Bishop started plays that set up breakaway goals by Namestnikov and Jonathan Drouin in the second period. Nikita Kucherov and Anton Stralman also scored for Tampa Bay, which trails Atlantic Division-leading Montreal by one point. The Lightning won all five games this season against the Canadiens, outscoring

them 21-8. Montreal swept Tampa Bay in the first round of last year's playoffs. Bishop, who made 25 saves, is the first goalie with two assists in a game since Buffalo's Ryan Miller did it on Feb. 25, 2014. Max Pacioretty, Jeff Petry and P.K. Subban scored for Montreal, which was outshot 31-13 through two one-sided periods and 44-28 overall. Carey Price stopped 39 shots. **BLACKHAWKS 4, KINGS 1** **CHICAGO (AP) —** Defense-men Duncan Keith and Niklas Hjalmarsson scored 1:04 apart in the second period, and Chicago beat Los Angeles. Marian Hossa added a



Montreal Canadiens' Tomas Plekanec (14) is pulled away from Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Ben Bishop during a skirmish in the third period of an NHL hockey game Monday, March 30, 2015, in Montreal. Tampa Bay won 5-3.

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goal and an assist as the Blackhawks won their second game in two nights and pulled within a point of second-place St. Louis in the Central Division. Chicago will face the Blues twice in its final six games. Jake Muzzin scored for the defending Stanley Cup champion Kings, who dropped their second straight in the finale of a five-game road trip. They also lost ground to Calgary in their bid for a playoff berth in the West. **CANUCKS 4, BLUES 1** **ST. LOUIS (AP) —** Radim Vrbata had a goal and assist, and Eddie Lack made 23 saves as Vancouver opened a four-game trip with a victory over struggling St. Louis. Zbynek Michalek scored for the Blues, who never led and missed a chance to clinch a playoff spot with

a victory. St. Louis has lost two straight at home, has one win its last six games overall, and remained one point shy of a seventh 100-point season. Nick Bonino netted the go-ahead goal midway through the second period, just 31 seconds after the Blues tied it on Michalek's first goal since Jan. 31. Shawn Matthias also scored for Vancouver, which strengthened its hold on second place in the Pacific Division. **FLAMES 5, STARS 3** **DALLAS (AP) —** Jiri Hudler, Raphael Diaz and Johnny Gaudreau scored within a span of 6:49 of the second period, and Calgary held on to beat Dallas. The third-place Flames moved three points ahead of Los Angeles in the Pacific Division. □

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## Djokovic beats Dolgoplov 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-0 at Miami Open

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

**KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP)** — Novak Djokovic rallied from a set and a break down Tuesday to beat Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-0 in the fourth round of the Miami Open.

Dolgoplov led 4-1 in the second set before the No. 1-ranked Djokovic mounted a comeback to remain in contention for his fifth Key Biscayne title.

After the second set, Dolgoplov received treatment from a trainer, who bandaged the soles of both feet. Dolgoplov moved poorly after that and won only three of 27 points in the final set.

As Djokovic fell behind in the first set, he busted a racket in anger, drew jeers from the crowd and was cited for two code violations, which cost him a point penalty. But he won a succession of long exchanges late in the second set that allowed him to pull even with Dolgoplov.

"The first set and a half, he was dominating from the

baseline," Djokovic said. "I was frustrated and nervous and wasn't showing composure on the court."

Andy Murray became the ninth active man to win 500 matches by beating Kevin Anderson 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Murray, who improved to 500-155, is the 46th man to reach the milestone during the Open Era, and the first from Britain.

"I don't know why, but getting to 500 gives me motivation to go on and try and win more," Murray said. "I hope I've still got a lot more wins in me."

The No. 3-seeded Murray, who won the Key Biscayne title in 2009 and 2013, was presented with a cake in a postmatch ceremony. He next plays unseeded Dominic Thiem of Austria, who beat No. 28 Adrian Panatta 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-5.

Djokovic next plays No. 6 David Ferrer, who beat No. 12 Gilles Simon 7-6 (5), 6-0. No. 4 Kei Nishikori, who has lost 10 games in his three matches, eliminated No. 18 David Goffin 6-1, 6-2.

No. 8 Tomas Berdych ad-

vanced when No. 17 Gael Monfils fell and hurt his hip. Berdych was leading 6-3, 3-2 when Monfils retired.

Monfils, seeded 17th, said he bruised his hip but hopes to be able to play in his next scheduled tournament in Houston.

Next up for Berdych is unseeded Juan Monaco of Argentina, who beat No. 29 Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-3. Verdasco was coming off an upset win over Rafael Nadal.

In women's play, No. 9 Andrea Petkovic became the first semifinalist when she beat No. 14 Karolina Pliskova 6-4, 6-2.

To beat the 6-foot-8 Anderson, Murray relied on lots of defense and just enough offense. He scrambled all over the court to keep points going, and in the final game made improbable saves to extend rallies on consecutive points, winning both.

When Murray broke for a 3-1 lead in the final set, he screamed "Come on!" loud enough to startle any sunbathers across the



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, reacts after defeating Alexandr Dolgoplov, of Ukraine, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-0 during the Miami Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in Key Biscayne, Fla.  
Associated Press

street on Crandon Beach. He easily held from there, winning 12 of 13 points in his final three service games. "In the third set I created quite a lot of chances, and

served better as well," Murray said.

While Anderson had the bigger serve, Murray lost only eight points on his first serve. □

## Capitals LW Alex Ovechkin reaches 50 goals for 6th time

AP Sports Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Russian left wing Alex Ovechkin became the sixth player in NHL history to score 50 goals in a season six times, reaching the milestone when he netted for the Washington Capitals against the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday.

The Capitals captain scored his league-leading No. 50 a little more than 11 minutes into the first period, giving Washington a 2-0 lead when he took a pass from Evgeny Kuznetsov and sent a shot from just inside the left circle past goalie Cam Ward.

Only five other players have a half-dozen seasons in which they reached the half-century mark: Wayne Gretzky and Mike Bossy did it nine times each, and Mario Lemieux, Marcel Dionne and Guy Lafleur had six

such seasons apiece.

The goal was the 472nd of Ovechkin's career, which tied him with Peter Bondra for the most by a member of the Capitals.

Ovechkin, a three-time NHL MVP, is playing in his 10th season for Washington, and Tuesday's game was his 755th, more than 200 fewer than Bondra's 961 with the franchise.

Ovechkin already owned team records for points, power-play goals, game-winning goals and shots. After getting his 50th, Ovechkin dropped his left knee to the ice and pumped his right glove, then thrust both arms overhead. Many fans responded with chants of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" and then rose to give him a standing ovation when the goal was announced.

Under new coach Barry



Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8), from Russia, celebrates his goal in the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Toronto Maple Leafs, Sunday, March 1, 2015, in Washington.  
Associated Press

Trotz, Ovechkin moved back to left wing this season, his primary position

for most of his career. A year ago, he led the NHL with 51 goals while playing

mostly on the right side under previous coach Adam Oates. □



## Spring to the Sea

Spring in Aruba means a mass migration to the seaside. Not talking tourist here. I am describing neighbors who stay far away from the ocean the whole year, but then are moved to spend the week "camping" by the ocean. Do not believe for a moment that this is a local tradition. People have been drawn to the sea for fun, health and revitalization since ancient times. Plato, the Greek philosopher said, "The Sea cures all ailments of man." Plato as well as Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, often prescribed bathing in the sea as a health treatment. Most of us know that a trip to the sea makes us feel "new." Why? First, the ocean air is filled with negative ions. Countless studies have been done on how negative ions clean dust and therefore reduce symptoms of allergies, counteract negative effects of smoking, and increase the flow of oxygen to the brain; resulting in higher alertness, decrease drowsiness, and more mental energy. Wow, all that from going to the ocean? Do you know that sea water contains all the 104 minerals and trace elements present in human serum, or plasma? So powerful are the effects of the sea water on the human body, mind and spirit that a rejuvenating therapy known as Thalassotherapy, from the Greek words, "Thalasso" for sea; and "therapy" for treatment has been prac-

ticed since well before the 1800's when the French coined the word. So, soaking in the ocean or if you're not lucky enough to live near the ocean, a sea salt bath, is a therapy that allows the skin to absorb and benefit from ocean minerals. As a complimentary physician and a medical anthropologist, I realize that this urge to go to the sea in springtime, is a primal urge to clean ourselves from the past so that we can be reborn.

I recommend whenever possible, that parents take their children to the ocean to clean their sinuses. Ocean water is a natural antihistamine that helps clear up mucus secretions. It is a powerful antihistamine that does not make you drowsy and has no negative side effects. Antibiotic do not help fight viruses. However, nearly all viruses will succumb to sea water and natural sunshine.

I believe in the healing power of the sea so strongly, that I developed a "Water" therapy for our patients who are swollen with edema. I call this treatment "Head out Immersion". The number of people in our community taking diuretics, or drugs to remove excess body fluid or edema is staggering. Many people think if they are suffering from edema they have too much water in the body and do not drink fluids. Actually, edema actually is one of the signs of dehydration or that the body is trying to dilute a poison.

The fluid swelling arms and legs is salty water that can be replenished with fresh, healthy water.

I supervise my patients who want help to move out this "dirty" water by having them drink more water and sit in the ocean. Before leaving your house measure the thickness of your legs. Drink a liter (quart) of water and go to the beach. Sit in the water for forty minutes with the water up to your neck with your head out of the water, your arms and legs underwater. If you also have hypertension you will leave the water, get home and realize that you are ready for a sound nap. Our Head Out Immersion produces positive results and here at Viana Healing Center we have seen this easy procedure work small miracles with swollen bodies. By the way, you know that diuretic you are taking? It does remove some body fluid and potassium, but leaves the salt behind, which means you are going to swell up faster. The head out immersion also removes your excess body salt. Meanwhile, the potassium you have lost is a very important mineral for the proper function of all cells, tissues, and organs in the human body. If you are taking a diuretic it is important to replace the lost potassium. Many foods contain potassium, including all meats, some types of fish, such as salmon, cod, and flounder, and many fruits, vegetables, and beans.

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# Google, Microsoft battle drives down prices for PCs, tablets

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Google is releasing its cheapest Chromebook laptops yet, two versions priced at \$149 aimed at undercutting Microsoft's Windows franchise and gaining ground in even more classrooms.

Various PC manufacturers have been working with Google to design lightweight laptops running on the Chrome operating system since 2011. The newest versions are made by Hisense and Haier. Hisense's Chromebook can be ordered beginning Tuesday at Walmart.com and Haier's version can be bought at Amazon.com.

Their arrival coincides with Microsoft's rollout of a lower-priced Surface tablet in an effort to reach students and budget-conscious families. Pre-orders for that device began Tuesday, too.

As the prices for tablets and smartphones have been declining, it has forced on PC makers to lower their prices, said International Data Corp. analyst Jay Chou. The success of the Chromebook line is intensifying the PC pricing pressure.

"It has been good news for consumers, but not so good for vendors," Chou said.

The cheaper version of the

Surface Pro 3 sells for \$499, compared with \$799 to \$1,949 for the higher-end models. The discounted version has a slightly smaller screen — 10.8 inches rather than 12 — a slower processor, and less flexible kickstand — just three angles rather than unlimited positions.

The Chromebook has

of its revenue when more people can afford to buy an Internet-connected device.

"We cannot be happier that Microsoft is helping drive down the prices of PCs," said Caesar Sengupta, Google's vice president of product management for Chromebooks. "If Microsoft is reacting to



**This Monday, March 30, 2015 photo shows a Hisense Chrome laptop in San Francisco. This Monday, March 30, 2015 photo shows a Hisense Chrome laptop in San Francisco.**

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served a dual purpose for Google. Like the company's Android software for mobile devices, the Chrome system is set up so users will automatically begin using Google's search engine and other services, such as Gmail and YouTube. Google has used the Chromebooks as a prod to bring down the prices of all PCs, something the company wanted to do because it has more opportunities to show the digital ads that bring in most

(Chromebook's low prices), that's fantastic. We love it."

Unlike most computers, Chromebooks don't have a hard drive. Instead, they function as terminals dependent on an Internet connection to get most work done.

Despite those limitations, Chromebooks have been steadily gaining in popularity, particularly in schools, as more applications and services made available over Internet connections

— a phenomenon known as "cloud computing" that has reduced the need for hard drives.

About 6 million Chromebooks were sold worldwide last year, more than doubling from 2.7 million in 2013, according to IDC. In contrast, sales in the overall PC market slipped 2 percent last year, marking the third consecutive annual decline. IDC is projecting 8 million Chromebooks will be sold this year.

Besides the \$149 laptops, Google also is attacking Microsoft on other fronts. Later this spring, Google and Asus are releasing a hybrid Chromebook that can use used as either a laptop or tablet with a 10-inch screen. Called the Chromebook Flip, it will sell for \$249.

In the summer, Asus and Google will start selling a new Chrome device that will provide people a cheaper way to upgrade an old PC. The device, called the Chromebit, is a stick loaded with an entire operating system that can be plugged into any HDMI port. The Chromebit's price hasn't been set, Google says it will cost less than \$100.

Here's what you need to know about the cheaper Surface Pro 3 and new Chromebooks:

## PROS AND CONS OF THE SURFACE

Graphic artists, engineers

and finance professionals needing to run complex software might still want the company's higher-end Pro 3, said Dennis Meinhardt, director of program management for Surface. But the Surface 3 should be good for everyday tasks, he said, and brings the Pro 3's premium feel to a device that will be affordable to more people.

The new Surface model is thinner and lighter, partly because it gets rid of the fan — similar to Apple's new MacBook laptop. At 214 pixels per inch, the screen resolution is comparable to the Pro 3's.

Battery life is promised at 10 hours for video playback. The Surface 3 runs the regular version of Windows 8.1, just like the Pro 3. In the past, Microsoft has used a lightweight version called RT in its cheaper tablets. The Surface 3 also has a USB port, a feature that distinguishes the Surface line from most rival tablets.

## SIZING UP THE CHROMEBOOKS

Both the Hisense and Haier models have 11.6 inch screens, 2 gigabits of memory and run on Rockchip processors. The Hisense machine promises up to 8.5 hours of battery power per charge while Haier is touting up to 10 hours of power per charge on a battery that can be removed for easier replacement. □

# PlayStation gets Spotify, replacing Sony's own music service

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Spotify is coming to the PlayStation, replacing Sony's own Music Unlimited service, as the company continues to expand the game console into an entertainment hub beyond video games.

Spotify hits the PlayStation 3 and 4 on Monday, with a new app adapted for large television screens. Sony says partnering with Spotify expands its music service to 41 countries, rather than the 19 available with Music Unlimited, and offers better

tools for playlists and music discovery.

PlayStation users have long been able to watch DVDs and stream Netflix, Amazon and YouTube shows with the console. Just two weeks ago, Sony launched an online television service, PlayStation Vue, offering more than 50 over-the-air and cable channels starting at \$50 a month.

Spotify has 60 million active users worldwide, including 15 million paid subscribers. Its music app is available on some Internet-connected TVs and set-top boxes,

but Spotify says it worked closely with Sony to optimize its service for the PlayStation. Notable features include: the ability to listen to music while playing a game and still listening to sound effects, or automatically pausing the game while changing volume or playlists.

The service is free with ads, or costs \$10 a month for a premium ad-free version that offers offline playback. Although free users aren't allowed to choose specific songs on mobile devices, they will be able



**This undated image provided by Sony Computer Entertainment America shows a screen grab of files of Spotify on Playstation 4.**

**Associated Press**

to on the PlayStation, just as they now do on traditional computers.

Customers who do not already have a Spotify account can sign up on the PlayStation. Existing Spotify customers will get access

to the PlayStation app with their usual sign-in. Music Unlimited subscribers won't be automatically switched over; those that subscribe on other devices such as Sony phones, will need to get the Spotify app. □



# Berkshire Hathaway buys 2 small Virginia newspapers

**JOSH FUNK**

**AP Business Writer**

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — Warren Buffett's company has added two small Virginia newspapers to its collection of more than two dozen small and medium-sized newspapers.

Berkshire Hathaway Media Group said Tuesday that it had acquired The Martinsville Bulletin in Martinsville

and the Franklin News-Post in Rocky Mount from Haskell Newspapers.

Terms of the deal are not being disclosed. Berkshire Hathaway owns 31 daily newspapers and dozens of weeklies in 10 states, including several in Virginia such as the Richmond Times-Dispatch and The Roanoke Times.

"We look forward to the opportunity to continue the tra-

dition of community-minded journalism carried on by the Haskell family for nearly 70 years," said Terry Kroeger, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Media Group.

Berkshire said the Martinsville paper has a 12,250 daily circulation that reaches more than 60 percent of the community. The Franklin paper publishes 5,100 copies three times a week. Berkshire's re-

cent newspaper deals, combined with Buffett's history of letting acquired companies largely run themselves, has made the company a popular buyer of smaller newspapers. Buffett has said he thinks newspapers will continue earning a decent return as long as they remain the primary source of information about their communities. The Haskell family had

owned the Martinsville Bulletin since 1948 and the News-Post since 1981.

"We are all pleased being with a company that puts such an emphasis on serving communities," said Charles Boothe, publisher of the News-Post. "Local news content is a priority, and this move will benefit everyone at the paper and our readers." □

# Late slide in stocks erases much of the previous day's gain

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**AP Business Writer**

The stock market closed out the first three months of the year Tuesday on a down note, erasing much of the gains from the prior day's big rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 200 points, knocking the blue chip index slightly lower for the year. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the quarter with a meager gain of half a percent.

The broad decline came as traders seized on the final day of the quarter to do some profit-taking and prune their portfolios. Health care stocks were among the biggest decliners. Oil prices extended their slide.

"It's the end of the quarter," said Anwiti Bahuguna, senior portfolio manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. "Today the markets are probably driven by that quite a bit, because people are rebalancing their portfolios." The Dow fell 200.19 points, or 1.1 percent, to 17,776.12. The 30-company index

was down as much as 203 points. It's now down 0.3 percent for the year.

The S&P 500 index slid 18.35 points, or 0.9 percent, to 2,067.89. The index is now



**The handheld device of trader Sal Suarino is reflected in his glasses as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market closed out the first three months of the year Tuesday on a down note, erasing much of the gains from the prior day's big rally. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

up 0.4 percent for the year. The Nasdaq composite lost 46.56 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,900.88. The tech-heavy index ended the quarter up 3.5 percent.

Traders often look to close out positions to make their books look as healthy as possible at the end of a

quarter.

Other factors also contributed to the stepped-up selling on Tuesday.

"There's also rising concern about oil prices, es-

pecially as the U.S. gets closer to a deal with Iran," said Paul Christopher, head of international strategy at the Wells Fargo Investment Institute. "There's some speculation that Iran will be able to release a lot of oil into the world."

That could stoke fears of deflation, which can hurt corporate profits, he added. The price of oil fell Tuesday as talks between the U.S. and Iran progressed somewhat, which could lead to more crude on the global market in the coming months. Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.08 to close at \$47.60 a barrel in New York. Oil finished down \$2.16, or 4.3 percent, for the month. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$1.18 to close at \$55.11 in London. The major stock indexes' anemic quarterly performance reflects lowered investor expectations for corporate earnings due to concerns over the impact falling oil prices and a strong dollar may have on big companies. "It's a pretty weak start for the S&P 500 because the market is pricing the very sharp decline in earnings that has been coming through the entire quarter," Bahuguna said. Companies will begin reporting financial results for the first three months of

the year next week. Earnings for companies in the S&P 500 index are expected to be down 3 percent overall, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Investors are monitoring economic data for clues about how earnings will unfold.

On Tuesday, they got a dash of encouraging data.

The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index rose to 101.3 in March from revised 98.8 reading in February. The index reflects a pick-up in hiring and suggests more consumer spending ahead. Separately, Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller said home prices increased in January.

The market opened lower on Tuesday and stayed in the red the rest of the day. All 10 sectors in the S&P 500 ended lower. Health care stocks led the decline, falling 1.5 percent. The sector is still up 6.2 percent for the year. Celgene notched the biggest decline in the S&P 500. Its shares fell \$4.74, or 4 percent, to \$115.28. □

# Charter Communications to buy Bright House in \$10B deal

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Charter Communications said Tuesday that it had agreed to acquire Bright House Networks for \$10.4 billion, in the latest consolidation of cable television operators to reshape the media landscape.

The deal will further enlarge Charter, which is involved in the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable, the two biggest cable op-

erators in the country. If that deal is approved, Charter will acquire some markets and subscribers from the enlarged Comcast.

But much hinges on the approval of Comcast's acquisition of Time Warner Cable, including Charter's acquisition of Bright House. If Charter is not able to acquire the disposed assets from Comcast, it will not go ahead with this deal.

Bright House is the sixth-larg-

est cable operator in the country, with about 2 million subscribers in Florida, Alabama, Indiana, Michigan and California.

The structure of the deal will have Charter own 73.7 percent of a new company and Advance/Newhouse, the parent company of Bright House, own 26.3 percent. Charter will pay Advance/Newhouse a mix of \$5.9 billion worth of common stock, \$2.5 billion worth

convertible preferred shares that pay a 6 percent coupon and \$2 billion in cash.

"Bright House Networks provides Charter with important operating, financial and tax benefits, as well as strategic flexibility," said Thomas M. Rutledge, Charter's chief executive. "Bright House has built outstanding cable systems in attractive markets that are either complete, or contiguous with the New Charter

footprint. This acquisition enhances our scale, and solidifies New Charter as the second largest cable operator in the U.S." The Bright House deal is a signal that Charter executives believe the Comcast deal for Time Warner Cable will be approved. Antitrust experts have said that regulators in Washington are likely to scrutinize the deal for any detrimental effect it might have on consumers. □



## Mornings in Blue America



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Two impossible things happened to the U.S. economy over the course of the past year - or at least they were supposed to be impossible, according to the ideology that dominates half our political spectrum. First, remember how Obamacare was supposed to be a gigantic job killer? Well, in the first year of the Affordable Care Act's full implementation, the U.S. economy as a whole added 3.3 million jobs - the biggest gain since the 1990s. Second, half a million of those jobs were added in California, which has taken the lead in job creation away from Texas.

Were President Barack Obama's policies the cause of national job growth? Did Jerry Brown - the tax-raising, Obamacare-embracing governor of California - engineer his state's boom? No, and few liberals would claim otherwise. What we've been seeing at both the national and the state level is mainly a natural process of recovery as the economy finally starts to heal from the housing and debt bubbles of the Bush years.

But recent job growth, nonetheless, has big political implications - implications so disturbing to many on the right that they are in frantic denial, claiming that the recovery is somehow bogus. Why can't they handle the good news?

The answer actually comes on three levels: Obama Derangement Syndrome, or ODS; Reaganolatry; and the confidence con.

Not much need be said about ODS. It is, by now, a fixed idea on the right that this president is both evil and incompetent, that everything touched by the atheist Islamic Marxist Kenyan Democrat - mostly that last item - must go terribly wrong. When good news arrives about the budget, or the economy, or Obamacare - which is, by the way, rapidly reducing the number of uninsured while costing much less than expected - it must be denied.

At a deeper level, modern conservative ideology utterly depends on the proposition that conservatives, and only they, possess the secret key to prosperity. As a result, you often have politicians on the right making claims like this one, from Sen. Rand Paul: "When is the last time in our country we created millions of jobs? It was under Ronald Reagan."

Actually, if creating "millions of

jobs" means adding 2 million or more jobs in a given year, we've done that 13 times since Reagan left office: eight times under Bill Clinton, twice under George W. Bush, and three times, so far, under Barack Obama. But who's counting? Still, don't liberals have similar delusions? Not really. The economy added 23 million jobs under Clinton, compared with 16 million under Reagan, but there's nothing on the left comparable to the cult of the Blessed Ronald. That's because liberals don't need to claim that their policies will produce spectacular growth. All they need to claim is feasibility: that we can do things like, say, guaranteeing health insurance to everyone without killing the economy.

Conservatives, on the other hand, want to block such things and, instead, to cut taxes on the rich and slash aid to the less fortunate. So they must claim both that liberal policies are job killers and that being nice to the rich is a magic elixir. Which brings us to the last point: the confidence con.

One enduring puzzle of political economy is why business interests so often oppose policies to fight unemployment. After all, boosting the economy with expansionary monetary and fiscal policy is good for profits as well as wages, yet many wealthy individuals and business leaders demand tight money and austerity instead.

As a number of observers have pointed out, however, for big businesses to admit that government policies can create jobs would be to devalue one of their favorite political arguments - the claim that to achieve prosperity politicians must preserve business confidence, among other things, by refraining from any criticism of what businesspeople do.

In the case of the Obama economy, this kind of thinking led to what I like to call the "Ma! He's looking at me funny!" theory of sluggish recovery. By this I mean the insistence that recovery wasn't being held back by objective factors like spending cuts and debt overhang, but rather by the corporate elite's hurt feelings after Obama suggested that some bankers behaved badly and some executives might be overpaid. Who knew that moguls and tycoons were such sensitive souls? In any case, however, that theory is unsustainable in the face of a recovery that has finally started to deliver big job gains, even if it should have happened sooner. So, as I said at the beginning, the fact that we're now seeing mornings in blue America - solid job growth both at the national level and in states that have defied the right's tax-cutting, deregulatory orthodoxy - is a big problem for conservatives. Although they would never admit it, events have proved their most cherished beliefs wrong. □



## The Method to Obama's Middle East Mess



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Let's recap the state of America's commitments in the Middle East. Our military is fighting in a tacit alliance with Iranian proxies in Iraq, even as it assists in a campaign against Iranian-backed forces in Yemen. We are formally committed to regime change in Syria, but we're intervening against the regime's Islamist enemies. Our strongest allies, officially, are still Israel and Saudi Arabia, but we're busy alienating them by pushing for détente with Iran. And please don't mention Libya or al-Qaida - you'll confuse everyone even more.

Is there a method here? A Metternichian master plan discernible only to President Barack Obama and his advisers? Not exactly: This administration has been persistently surprised by Middle East developments, and its self-justifications alternate between the exasperated (why don't you try it if you're so smart?) and the delusional (as soon as we get the Iran deal, game changer, baby!).

But there is a strategic element in how the Obama White House ended up here. Haltingly but persistently, this administration has pursued a paradigm shift in how the United States relates to the Middle East, a shift from a Pax Americana model toward a strategy its supporters call "offshore balancing."

In a Pax Americana system, the United States enjoys a dominant position within a network of allies and clients; actors outside that network are considered rogues and threats, to be restrained and coerced by our overwhelming military

might. Ideally, over time our clients become more prosperous and more democratic, the benefits of joining the network become obvious, and the military canopy both expands and becomes less necessary.

In an offshore balancing system, our clients are fewer, and our commitments are reduced. Regional powers bear the primary responsibility for dealing with crises on the ground, our military strategy is oriented toward policing the sea lanes and the skies, and direct intervention is contemplated only when the balance of power is dramatically upset.

Since the Cold War, and especially since 1991, the Pax Americana idea has predominated in our foreign policy thinking. But in the Middle East, there has been no real evolution toward democracy among our network of allies; instead, their persistent corruption has fed terrorism and contributed to al-Qaida's rise.

Hence the Bush administration's post-9/11 decision to try to start afresh, by transforming a rogue state into a regional model, a foundation for a new U.S.-led order that would be less morally compromised than the old.

That order did not, of course, emerge. Instead, it took all the king's horses and all of David Petraeus' men just to hold Iraq together; a different bad actor, Iran, ended up empowered; and the old problem of repression led to the Arab Spring and the civil wars that followed.

Sticking to the Pax Americana model after these developments would have required keeping U.S. troops in Iraq for decades. It might have forced us to choose between bombing Iran and extending a Cold War-style nuclear umbrella over most of the Arab world. And there still would have been no easy answers about how to deal with corrupt allies or with the zealots who move in when they fall.

So it's understandable that

the Obama White House has sought a different role. Our withdrawal from Iraq and light-footprint approach to counterterrorism, our strange dance with Bashar Assad, our limited intervention against ISIS - they all aim at a more "offshore" approach to the Middle East's problems. Likewise, the long-sought détente with Iran, which assumes that once the nuclear issue is resolved, Tehran can gradually join Riyadh, Cairo and Tel Aviv in a multipolar order. But there are two problems. First, offshore balancing offers the most benefits when your entanglements are truly minimal, but it's very hard for a hegemon to simply sidle off-stage, shedding expectations and leaving allies in the lurch. And when you're still effectively involved everywhere, trying to tip the balance of power this way and that with occasional airstrikes, it's easy to end up in a contradictory, six-degrees-of-entmity scenario, with no clear goal in mind.

Second, multipolar environments are often more unstable and violent, period, than unipolar ones. So offshoring U.S. power and hoping that Iran, Iran's Sunni neighbors and Israel will find some kind of balance on their own will probably increase the risk of arms races, cross-border invasions and full-scale regional war. The conflicts we have now are ugly enough, but absent the restraint still imposed by U.S. military dominance, it's easy to imagine something worse.

If we could actually escape Middle East entanglements entirely, even that "something worse" might be less costly to the United States than trying to sustain the Pax Americana. And if we had a trustworthy hegemon in the wings to replace us, all of this might be moot.

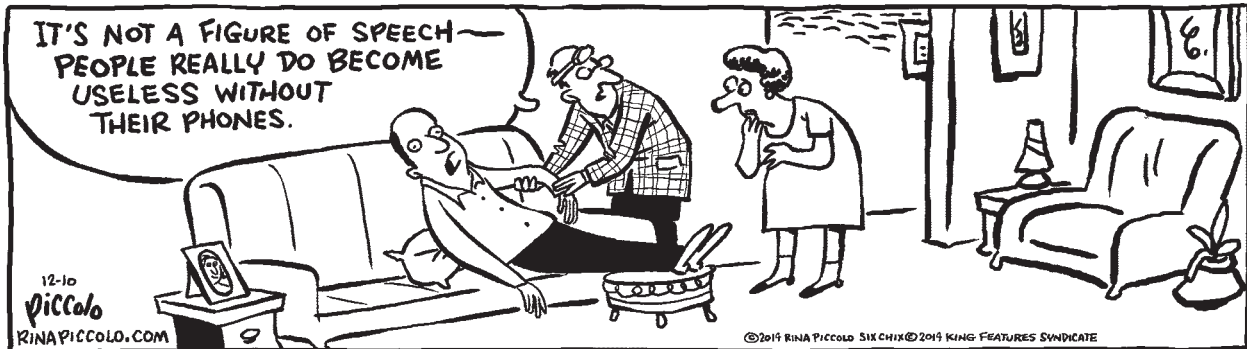
But in the world as it exists, what we have is an administration that wants to believe it's getting us out, but a region that's inexorably, inevitably pulling us back in. □



## Mutts



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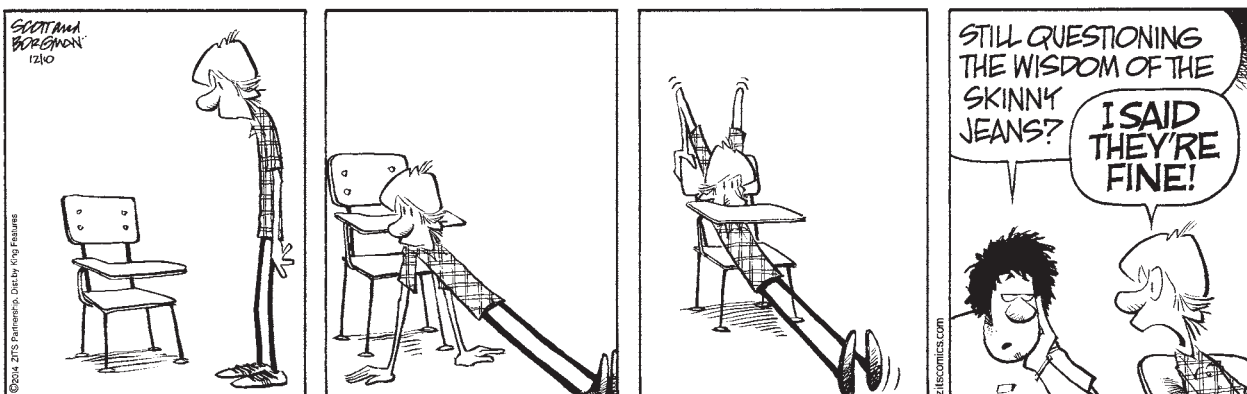
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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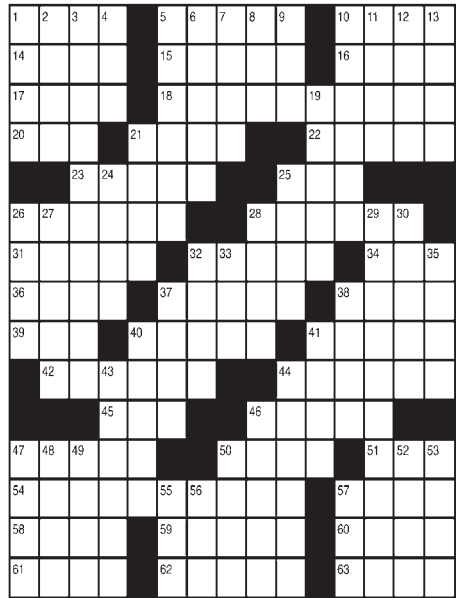
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	2	6	9	7	1	4	3	5
1	9	3	5	2	4	8	6	7
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### ACROSS

- National military force
- Performed
- Primates
- Jeff Bridges' brothers
- Flatterer
- Spanish artist
- Rob Reiner's dad
- Tossing game
- Group tub
- Fez fabric
- Queen & deuce
- Graceful waterbirds
- Distress letters
- Indiana team
- Sportsman with a rifle
- Theater employee
- Go down smoothly
- Hired vehicle
- Lose traction on the road
- Nourishes
- Additional amount
- Egg producer
- Shingle material
- Religious belief
- Physician
- Spanish wife's title
- Actress Jamie Curtis
- Play a banjo
- Arm joint
- Smile broadly
- Hosp. section for the very ill
- Comforting
- Glasgow fellow
- Powerful wind
- Handbag
- "A \_\_\_ of Two Cities"
- Probability
- Mountains of South America
- Feed the pigs



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### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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7	Sour		E	Y	E	S		C	H	E	S	T	E	R			
8	Asner & Begley	H	A	N	D	E	L		C	R	E	W	S				
9	Recolor	A	P	E		D	A	F	O	E		S	E	E	K	S	
10	Horried	T	E	A	M		Y	O	D	E	L		D	A	N	E	
11	Penniless	E	X	T	O	L		R	A	P	I	D		S	E	A	
12	"Brown ___ Girl"; 1960s hit		L	I	C	K	S		L	I	S	T	E	N			
13	Talk back	B	A	H	A	M	A	S		W	A	S	A				
14	Griddle bread	U	N	I	S	O	N		S	U	C	C	I	N	C	T	
15	Actor Jamie ___	I	N	N	S		T	E	A	R		A	L	O	H	A	
16	Garden intruder	L	O	G	E		O	W	N	S		R	O	V	E	R	
17	Beer	D	Y	E	S		N	E	S	T		D	R	A	F	T	

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### DOWN

- Fundamentals
- Gather crops

- Six years, for a U.S. senator
- Denver's state: abbr.
- El Paso school, familiarly
- "\_\_\_ Lazy River"
- Go speedily
- Wall & Easy: abbr.
- Finch or falcon
- Shuts
- Puts on, as a play
- Good judgment
- Consequently
- Go first
- Hairless



## Police: Men in NSA shooting had gone to a hotel to party

M. SOMERS

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Maryland (AP)

— Two cross-dressing men who were shot at by National Security Agency police when they disobeyed orders at a heavily guarded gate had just stolen a car from a man who picked them up for a motel "party," police said Tuesday.

The FBI said the driver, Ricky Shawatza Hall, 27, died at the scene, and his passenger remained hospitalized Tuesday with unspecified injuries. An NSA police officer was treated for minor injuries and released.

NSA police opened fire on the stolen sports utility vehicle after Hall failed to follow instructions for leaving a restricted area, authorities said.

As it turns out, Hall and his passenger had just driven off in the SUV of a 60-year-old Baltimore man, who told investigators that he had picked up the two strangers in Baltimore and brought them to a Howard Country motel to "party."

Police "can't confirm there was any sexual activity involved," spokeswoman Mary Phelan told The Associated Press on Tuesday. She also declined to elaborate on whether drugs or alcohol were part of their plan. The sports utility vehicle's owner, who has not been publicly identified, said they checked into a room at the motel at about 7:30 a.m. He called police to report the stolen car, and only minutes later, just before 9 a.m., the men took a highway exit that leads directly to a restricted area at the NSA entrance at Fort Meade.

The two men were dressed as women, but "not in an attempt to disguise themselves from authorities," FBI spokeswoman Amy Thoreson said. □

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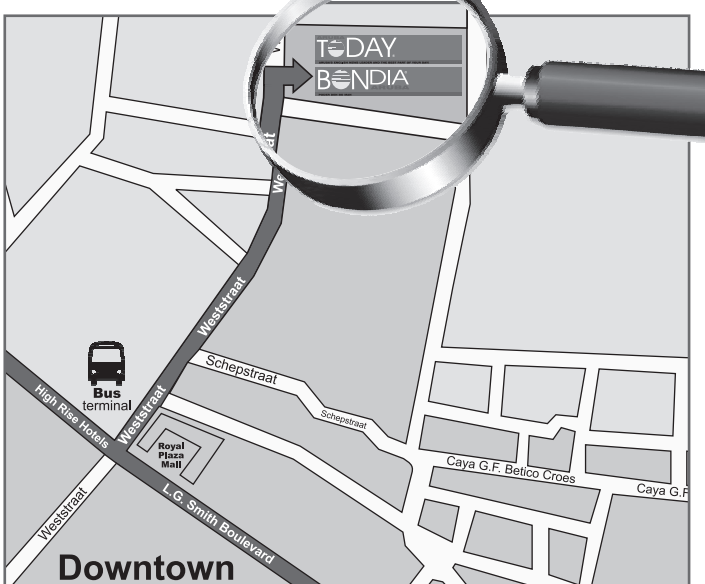


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## When the road salt seeps, sometimes U.S. manhole covers fly

**SETH BORENSTEIN**

**AP Science Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Scientific literature traces manhole cover explosions back nearly a century, but a series of such incidents in the Midwest city of Indianapolis has authorities looking for a quick solution.

A combination of power system design, winter road salt, older electrical cable insulation and basic chemistry have triggered underground explosions in older downtowns, launching 350-pound (160-kilogram) manhole covers high in the air. One Georgia Tech engineering professor calculated the explosions could have the force of three sticks of dynamite.

"These things have been known to be launched 10 stories; they have found a manhole cover on top of a building in a certain downtown city," said Daniel O'Neill, who advises several utilities on the problem. "They are dangerous things. There are hundreds of these things happening every year."

The nonprofit Electric Power Research Institute's lab in Lenox, Massachusetts, has spent the last 25 years setting off what officials there call "manhole events."

It's not for fun. Engineers are trying to find a way to keep manhole covers from flying.

"We're disappointed to say we've not yet solved the



In this March 8, 2015 file photo, flames rise from a manhole in New York.

**Associated Press**

problem," said Matt Olearczyk, manager of distribution research for EPRI. He said, his team will keep at the problem "or we're going to die trying to fix it."

The EPRI team has come up with partial solutions, such as latching manhole covers to the ground with a hook-and-piston system. When there's an explosion, those covers lift a few inches to let off some pressure, but not so much as to let in oxygen to stoke the explosion.

sion.

Experts do know how and why these explosions happen amid thousands of miles of tightly bundled electrical cables.

It starts with the way electrical power is distributed in older downtowns underground. Cables are linked so that if one fails, others take over, O'Neill said.

Cable insulation can fray or kink due to age, wear and tear, high power loads during the summer and corro-

sive road salt. That exposes wiring, which can spark and smolder.

Especially when the insulation is older and consists of an oily paper, that releases gases, including hydrogen, methane, acetylene, carbon monoxide and ethylene, O'Neill and Olearczyk said.

Then, salty or dirty water gives the electricity a path to the ground and the spark to set off explosions, O'Neill said.

That's why O'Neill and Olearczyk say they see more blasts events during the winter and in more northerly cities. The salt is a key ingredient. Consolidated Edison once compared manhole explosions to the streets where road salt was used and found a good correlation, O'Neill said.

The expensive process of replacing the cables with plastic insulated modern cables works well, Olearczyk said. □

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## 'Ex-Machina,' 'It Follows' breathe life into stale genres

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Alex Garland has learned a few things in his years as a science-fiction screenwriter: namely, that money doesn't always help. Garland is now making his directorial debut with the acclaimed science fiction film "Ex-Machina," after earlier scripting the influential zombie thriller "28 Days Later" and seeing his first book, "The Beach," turned into the Leonardo DiCaprio adventure. The 2007 Danny Boyle-directed space thriller "Sunshine," which Garland wrote, particularly drove home the lesson.

"The thing I really felt about 'Sunshine' almost while we were making it, is that we were spending too much money," says Garland. "When you're spending that much money, either consciously or unconsciously, you start to think about recouping. You start to think about the business of film and trying to make it entertaining or trying to adrenalize it at moments when it's the wrong thing to do."

Garland's "Ex-Machina," which opens in theaters April 10, was made for \$15 million, not the \$50 million it took to make "Sunshine," a philosophical journey to the sun that eventually dissolved into more of a monster movie. "Ex-Machina," however, holds its trance throughout the tale of a young computer programmer (Domhnall Gleeson) who flies to the remote lair of a tech billionaire (Oscar Isaac), and is introduced



In this image released by A24 Films, Oscar Isaac, right, appears on the set with filmmaker Alex Garland during the making of the science fiction film "Ex-Machina."

to a very realistic artificial intelligence (Alicia Vikander).

"The one thing I do know is that I really, really want creative freedom — not just for me but the people I'm working with," says the British writer-director. "You need to be Christopher Nolan to have creative freedom at that level. That's what, like, two or three people in the world."

Instead of fighting those odds, a new generation of filmmakers is breathing fresh life into the often over-commercialized genres of sci-fi and horror.

A regular diet of big-budget releases have helped stagnate genre thrills by over-relying on visual-effects spectacle ("Jupiter Ascending," "After Earth"), while mainstream horror has been overrun by gim-

micky shlock (the "Paranormal Activity" series) and familiar retreads ("I, Frankenstein").

But many of the most exciting horror and sci-fi films in recent years — "Under the Skin," "The Babadook," "Her," "Upstream Color," the "Black Mirror" miniseries — have come from independent filmmakers working with small or even skimpy budgets, who prize creative control in genres where final cut is scarce.

Janet Pierson, head of film at South By Southwest, where "Ex-Machina" premiered, has regularly programmed inventive genre fare. While she's witnessed steadily intrepid sci-fi and horror for years, she sees a larger shift.

"What I've noticed is that the young people that come in here, particular-

ly more and more of the women, their first love is genre films — which is a real change, which is something that didn't exist before," said Pierson. "I come from the more traditional art-house generation."

David Robert Mitchell, writer-director of the indie horror sensation "It Follows," is a kind of combination genre-art house filmmaker. His first movie, "The Myth of the American Sleepover," was his version of a teen drama that portrayed the quieter moments of adolescence, rather than the melodramatic extremes usually depicted in the genre. "It Follows" is his stab at horror. The DVDs he pulled off his shelf in preparation make a respectable horror syllabus: "Nosferatu" (the original and the Werner Herzog version), Romero, Cronen-

berg, Polanski, the classic Universal monster movies, the Hammer classics, "The Shining" and many more.

"There's a bunch of us that grew up watching what are now seen as classic horror films," says Mitchell, a Michigan native. "That's probably affected a lot of us to, if not update them, be inspired by them."

Mitchell's deep appreciation of the genre is self-evident in "It Follows," an atmospheric suburban teenager thriller with a synthesizer score evocative of John Carpenter. "It Follows" has crossed over from art house to mainstream: it expanded last weekend to some 1,200 theaters, despite earlier plans for video-on-demand. It pulled in \$4 million at the box office, about twice its budget.

While he acknowledges "more money would definitely be helpful" and that he may later be interested in directing bigger studio films, "my intention is to kind of take my time with that," says Mitchell. "And that's by choice."

"Ex-Machina" and "It Follows" both create suspense by relying on acting and atmosphere.

"It Follows," in which an unseen, unknown entity is passed like a sexually transmitted disease, works like "Jaws" or "The Evil Dead": What we imagine is more fearful than anything a movie can physically represent. "Ex-Machina" has the distilled feel of a chamber piece: It's all questions and mysteries to unravel, none of the fat of special effects set-pieces. □



# Jay Z, Madonna, Minaj among owners of new streaming service

**MESFIN FEKADU**  
**AP Music Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Madonna, Rihanna, Beyonce and Jay Z are among the A-list musicians who are co-owners of Tidal, a streaming service being billed as the first artist-owned platform for music and video.

The membership-based service — similar to subscription service Spotify — will provide music and video content that users can stream on computers, tablets and smartphones or listen to offline. It is being offered at two price points: \$10 for standard sound quality and \$20 for "lossless high fidelity sound quality." Few other details were released about the streaming service.

Kanye West, Daft Punk, Alicia Keys, Jack White and Nicki Minaj also were among the artists who announced at a New York City

event Monday that they are co-owners of the service that quietly launched in October. Keys said the artists hope Tidal will "forever change the course of music history" and ensure the viability of the industry. The celebrities — who also included Jason Aldean, Usher, members of Arcade Fire and deadmau5 — stood in a line onstage as Keys spoke to the audience at Skylight at Moynihan Station in Manhattan. Most of them wore black as a sign of solidarity. Keys called the event "a graduation."

"So we come together before you on this day, March 30th, 2015, with one voice in unity in the hopes that today will be another one of those moments in time, a moment that will forever change the course of music history. For today we announce of Tidal, the first ever artist-owned, global

music and entertainment platform," Keys said.

The venue for the event was transformed to display a walkway paying tribute to the different decades in music, starting with the 1950s.

Coldplay's Chris Martin and Calvin Harris, who both appeared via video, are also co-owners.

"Our mission goes beyond commerce, it goes beyond technology. Our intent is to preserve music's importance in our lives," Keys said. "Music is the language of love, of laughter, of heartbreak, of mystery. It's the world's true, true, without question, universal language."

Each of the owners signed documents at the event as the audience screamed when they walked to a table in the center of the stage. □



In this April 12, 2014 file photo, Jay Z at the 2014 Coachella Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif.

Associated Press

## Olympic champ Gabby Douglas' family to get reality show

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Olympic women's gymnastics champion Gabrielle Douglas can add another item to her resume: TV star.

The defending all-around gold medalist and her family will be featured in a new Oxygen reality show debuting later this year. The show, which will be co-produced by Douglas and her mother, Natalie Hawkins, among others, has the working title "Douglas Family Gold."

Douglas became the first African-American to win the all-around title when she soared to victory at the 2012 London Games as part of the "Fierce Five" that also won the team gold medal. □

# Banana peel hits comedian Dave Chappelle on stage

**SANTA FE, New Mexico (AP)**

— A man tossed a banana peel at Dave Chappelle during a standup show, hitting in the comedian in the leg, police said.

Christian Englander, 30, was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and battery after the fruit throw Monday night in Santa Fe, New Mexico, police Lt. Andrea Dobyns said.

Englander acknowledged throwing a peel from a banana he had eaten earlier because he took offense to jokes Chappelle made about his companion, Dobyns said.

The friend reportedly was drawing in a sketchbook during the show when Chappelle noticed and asked the man his name, which he gave as "Johnny Appleseed," Dobyns said. Chappelle then made jokes about the moniker,



This Sunday, July 6, 2014 file photo Dave Chappelle performs at the Essence Festival in New Orleans.

Associated Press

the police spokeswoman said, "so that's when Englander got upset."

Arresting officers said Englander appeared to be intoxicated after event security escorted him outside.

Englander was in jail Tuesday, and Dobyns said she didn't know whether Englander has an attorney to speak on his behalf.

Chappelle has had run-ins with audience members

before.

In a 2013 gig in Connecticut, Chappelle shut down his act after 10 minutes because of heckling.

Known for his commentary on race in America, Chappelle has gradually resumed his stand-up career in the past two years, making a long-awaited return after abandoning a popular Comedy Central show in 2005. □

## 'X Files' actor David Duchovny to release 1st album in May



David Duchovny attends "The Truth Is Here: David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson on The X-Files" at The Paley Center for Media in New York.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "X Files" actor David Duchovny is releasing his first music album.

He announced Tuesday he'll release "Hell or Highwater" on May 12. The album will include 12 tracks he wrote.

Duchovny has won two Golden Globes and is best known for his roles in the TV series "The X Files" and "Californication."

He says in a statement making the album was a "dream come true," though he adds it's shocking to think he has a musical career.

The first single is the title track and already is available. The music is being released on ThinkSay Records. Duchovny will star in the upcoming NBC series "Aquarius," which debuts May 28. □



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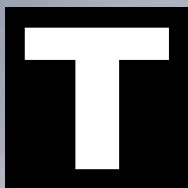
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